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**December 31, 2012 and 2011** 

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### Officials

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	Term Expires
Marsha Clausen	Chairperson	11/4/2018
Rick Lohrmann	Vice-Chairperson	11/4/2014
Keith Kelderman	Secretary	11/4/2014
Dean Hoffmann	Director	11/4/2013
Aaron Stangl	Director	11/4/2017
Kent Hilsabeck	Interim General Manager	Indefinite

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March 1, 2013

To the Board of Trustees of the Manning Municipal Communications And Television System Utility

I have audited the accompanying financial statements, listed as exhibits in the table of contents of this report, of the Manning Municipal Communications and Television System Utility (a Municipal Utility) as of December 31, 2012 and 2011. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Utility's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

As described in Note 1, the financial statements are intended to present the financial position and results of operations and cash flows of only that portion of the financial reporting entity of the City of Manning, Iowa, that is attributable to the transactions of the Manning Municipal Communications and Television System Utility. In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Manning Municipal Communications and Television System Utility as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flow for the years then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued my report dated March 1, 2013 on my consideration of Manning Municipal Communications and Television System Utility's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. The report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of my audit.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Manning Municipal Communications and Television System Utility's basic financial statements. The supplementary information included in Schedules 1 and 2 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in my audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. In my opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Manning Municipal Communications and Television System Utility's basic financial statements. Management's Discussion and Analysis and the budgetary comparison information on pages 6 through 12 and 39 through 41 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. This information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

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### **Management's Discussion and Analysis**

Manning Municipal Communication and Television System Utility provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the year ended December 30, 2012. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the Utility's financial statements, which follow.

### 2012 Financial Highlights

Operating revenues of the Utilities' activities increased 0.09%, or \$852, from 2011 to 2012.

Operating expenses increased 3.75%, or \$29,659, from 2011 to 2012.

The Utility reduced the net asset deficit of business type activities by 8% or \$38,958 from 2011 to 2012.

### **Using This Annual Report**

This annual report consists of a series of financial and other information, as follows:

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the Utility's financial activities.

Financial Statements consist of a Statement of Net Assets - Proprietary Funds, and a Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets - Proprietary Funds and a Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Funds.

Notes to Financial Statements provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

Other Information further explains and supports the financial statements with a comparison of the Utility's budget for the year.

Supplementary Information provides comparative financial data with the prior year.

### Reporting the Utility's Financial Activities

#### **Basic Financial Statements**

One of the most important questions asked about the Utility's finances is, "Is the Utility as a whole better or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets report information which helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resources measurement focus, which is similar to the accounting used in most private sector companies. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The Statement of Net Assets presents all the Utility's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as "net assets". Over time, increases or decreases in the Utility's net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Utility is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets presents information showing how the Utility's net assets changed during the most recent year. All changes in net assets are reported when the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will not result in cash flows until future periods.

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets report the following activity:

Business type activities including the cable utility, telephone utility and internet utility. These activities are financed primarily by user charges.

#### **Fund Financial Statements**

The Utility has one fund:

Proprietary funds account for the Utility's Enterprise Funds. These funds report services for which the Utility charges customers for the service it provides. Proprietary funds are reported in the same way all activities are reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets. The Enterprise Funds include the cable utility, telephone utility and internet utility, each considered to be a major fund of the Utility. The Utility is responsible for ensuring the assets reported in these funds are used only for their intended purposes and by those to whom the assets belong.

The financial statements required for proprietary funds include a statement of net assets, a statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net assets and a statement of cash flows.

### **Basic Financial Analysis**

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of financial position. The analysis that follows focuses on the change in the net assets for business type activities.

### Statements of Net Assets December 31, 2012 and 2011

#### Business Type Activities - Enterprise Funds

		Year E	<u>End</u>	ed
		2012		<u>2011</u>
Current and other assets	\$	275,117	\$	277,736
Capital assets	_	132,734		135,189
Total assets	\$ _	407,851	\$	412,925
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Long-term liabilities	\$	770,000	\$	795,000
Other liabilities	_	83,014		102,046
Total liabilities	\$	853,014	\$	897,046
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Net assets:				
Invested in capital assets,		_	_	_
net of related debt	\$		\$	-0-
Restricted		6,232		6,232
Unrestricted		(451,395)		(490,353)
Total net assets	\$ _	(445,163)	\$	(484,121)

Deficit net assets of business type activities decreased \$38,958 as compared to \$67,765 in the prior year, a 42.5% decline. Unrestricted net assets had a deficit of \$451,395 at the end of this year. Unrestricted net assets can be used to finance day to day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, legislation or other legal requirements. Restricted net assets represent resources that are subject to external restrictions, constitutional provisions or enabling legislation on how they can be used. The amount invested in capital assets (e.g. land, infrastructure, buildings, and equipment), less the related debt is shown as zero because the debt exceeds book value. The related debt is larger than the net capital assets due to the fact that principal payments have not been made regularly on the debt, while accumulated depreciation continues to increase as fixed assets are depreciated over time. If the amount invested in capital assets were shown as a negative number, the unrestricted net assets would be

overstated. Accumulated net operating losses prior to 2011 caused deficit net assets as of December 31, 2012 and 2011. However, increases in net assets over the past two years have resulted in a 20% reduction in deficit net assets. If the trend continues, it is conceivable that the Utility could eliminate the deficit net assets in approximately ten years.

Changes in Net Assets for the Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

Business Type Activities	- Enterp	orise Funds	
		2012	<u>2011</u>
Revenues: Charges for Services Service & Reconnect Charges Advertising Fees Miscellaneous Fees Signal Charges Headend Rent Total Revenues	\$	819,045 \$ 11,602 5,240 3,486 11,000 2,200 852,573	813,303 11,145 5,400 4,455 21,000 2,200 857,503
Operating Expenses: Production Rent Depreciation Administrative and General Total Operating Expenses  Net Operating Income		381,335 176,849 30,848 212,809 801,841	344,877 176,849 34,701 210,030 766,457
Non Operating Revenue (Expenses): Interest Income Gain on Disposal of Equipment Interest Expense Total Non Operating Rev (Exp)		1,170 5,200 (18,144) (11,774)	588 -0- (23,869) (23,281)
Increase in Net Assets		38,958	67,765
Net Assets, Beginning of Year		(484,121)	(551,886)
Net Assets, End of Year	\$	(445,163) \$	(484,121)

### **Capital Assets**

The Utility's capital assets include land, buildings and improvements, equipment, and other infrastructure. Capital assets for the business type activity totaled \$132,734 (net of accumulated depreciation) at December 31, 2012. The Utility purchased a service truck at a cost of \$28,393, sold a service truck for \$5,200 and recorded depreciation of \$30,848.

Capital Assets at Year End					
		2012		<u> 2011</u>	
Headhouse	\$	61,972	\$	61,972	
Distribution		52,678		52,678	
General		50,007		40,542	
Internet		143,850		134,386	
Telephone		841,118		847,523	
Total		1,149,625		1,137,101	
Less: Accumulated Depreciation		(1,016,891)		(1,001,912)	
Net Capital Assets	\$_	132,734	\$	135,189	

#### **Debt Administration**

At December 31, 2012, the Utility had \$770,000 in total long-term debt outstanding for the business type activity, compared to \$795,000 last year as shown below.

	<u>12/31/12</u>	<u>12/31/11</u>
Note Payable -		
Manning Municipal Light Plant	\$ 270,000	\$ 295,000
Note Payable -		
Manning Municipal Gas Dept	500,000	500,000
Total	\$ 770,000	\$ 795,000

### **Economic Factors Bearing on the Communication Utility's Future**

Landline usage and carrier access revenues continue to decline as customers increasingly expand their cellular usage. As technology advances, customers are no longer as reliant on landlines, which are being replaced by cell phones and other devices. The market is ever changing and expanding due to these new technological advances causing the demand of internet to be the predominant service the utility offers currently. Many customers also stream TV and movies online through services such as NetFlex and Hulu, which increases the



bandwidth demand per household. MMCTSU continues to look for alternative and cost effective ways to increase bandwidth to meet the increasing internet demand. Due to the industry advances, MMCTSU will be undergoing an infrastructure upgrade in 2013. Unlike the other Manning municipal utilities, MMCTSU is in competition with Windstream, Dish, Direct TV all of which also serve the Manning area. As retransmission rates for cable TV increase along with the annual operating costs, MMCTSU remains in a constant struggle to provide competitive prices and services to the community.

Signal fees generated from the Templeton and Scranton contracts were also restructured in 2012, resulting in a decrease of revenue. Due to legal requirements, Templeton and Scranton will now carry their own retransmission agreements with the individual networks and transport agreements have been established between all parties. Templeton and Scranton will now pay MMCTSU per subscriber, per channel transported monthly.

### **Contacting the Communication Utility's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Communication Utility's finances and operating activities. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Manning Municipal Communications and Television System Utility, 719 Third Street, Manning, lowa 51455.

### **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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### **Exhibit A**

## MANNING MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATIONS AND TELEVISION SYSTEM UTILITY

# Statements of Net Assets - Proprietary Funds December 31, 2012 and 2011

Assets		<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Cash Restricted Cash - Customer Deposits Accounts Receivable - Customers - net of allowance Accounts Receivable - Carrier Access Fees - net Accounts Receivable - Miscellaneous Inventory Prepaid Expenses Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation) Total Assets	<b>\$</b>	206,617 6,232 19,161 16,136 4,686 18,051 4,234 132,734 407,851	\$ 191,922 6,232 36,485 23,140 2,203 14,466 3,288 135,189 412,925
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable - Operating Deferred Income Customer Deposits Payable Accrued Wages and PTO Payable Other Taxes Payable Accrued Interest Payable Real Estate Taxes Payable Notes Payable (payable after one year) Total Liabilities	\$	19,697 27,951 6,232 5,892 1,810 18,144 3,288 770,000 853,014	\$ 36,637 26,979 6,232 5,494 3,915 18,949 3,840 795,000 897,046
Net Assets			
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt Restricted for: Customer Deposits Unrestricted (Deficit) Total Net Assets (Deficit)		-0- 6,232 (451,395) (445,163)	-0- 6,232 (490,353) (484,121)
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$	407,851	\$ 412,925

### **Exhibit B**

# MANNING MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATIONS AND TELEVISION SYSTEM UTILITY

# Statements of Revenues, Expenses And Changes in Fund Net Assets - Proprietary Funds For Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

		<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>		
Operating Revenues - Cable	•	074 500	¢ 247.000		
Basic TV	\$	•	\$ 247,200		
Movie Packages		15,504	15,092 582		
TIVO		(2,568)	262,874		
		284,524	202,074		
Cost of Sales - Cable					
Signal charges		203,006	171,805		
ADC Charges		-0-	343		
•		203,006	172,148		
Net Operating Revenues - Cable		81,518	90,726		
Operating Revenues - Telephone					
Local Access		148,529	156,957		
Local Tolls		31,306	37,037		
Carrier Access Fees		113,479	118,049		
USAC Revenue		3,501	-0-		
Calling Features		18,260	18,503		
Cell Phone Plans		15	4,612		
Cell Phones and Accessories		0	46		
		315,090	335,204		
Cost of Sales - Telephone					
Long Distance Switching Fees		37,142	29,221		
Switching Fees - Templeton		60,000	61,000		
Carrier Access Fees		10,849	11,262		
Local Billing Fees		3,513	3,576		
Subscriber Services		7,242	7,482		
ADC Charges		-0-	343		
Cell Phone Minutes		-0-	3,224		
Cell Phones and Accessories			-0-		
		118,746	116,108		
Net Operating Revenues - Telephone		196,344	219,096		

# Exhibit B (Continued)

# MANNING MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATIONS AND TELEVISION SYSTEM UTILITY

# Statements of Revenues, Expenses And Changes in Fund Net Assets - Proprietary Funds For Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

Operating Revenues Internet	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	
Operating Revenues - Internet Unlimited Service Unlimited Service on Contract Ten Hour Plan Cable Modem Income Other Fees Wireless Internet Ethernet Income	\$ 556 187 143 176,427 11,090 21,188 9,840 219,431	\$	798 258 137 173,353 9,725 21,114 9,840 215,225
Cost of Sales - Internet Internet Expenses ADC Charges	59,583 -0-	•	56,278 343
	59,583	•	56,621
Net Operating Revenues - Internet	159,848		158,604
Other Operating Revenues Advertising Fees - Channel 22 Miscellaneous Hookup Fees Reconnect Charges Service Charges Directory Fees - Phone Books Signal charges - Templeton & Scranton Headend Rent Total Other Operating Revenues	5,240 3,486 600 2,134 8,868 -0- 11,000 2,200 33,528	-	5,400 4,323 426 2,409 8,736 (294) 21,000 2,200 44,200
Net Operating Revenues Before Expenses	471,238		512,626
Operating Expenses (Schedule 1)	420,506	-	421,580
Net Operating Income (Loss)	50,732		91,046

# Exhibit B (Continued)

## MANNING MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATIONS AND TELEVISION SYSTEM UTILITY

# Statements of Revenues, Expenses And Changes in Fund Net Assets - Proprietary Funds For Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

		<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Net Operating Income	\$	50,732	\$ 91,046
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses) Interest Income Gain of Disposal of Equipment Interest Expense  Total Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)		1,170 5,200 (18,144) (11,774)	588 -0- (23,869) (23,281)
Change in Net Assets		38,958	67,765
Net Assets, Beginning (Deficit)	_	(484,121)	(551,886)
Net Assets, Ending (Deficit)	\$	(445,163)	\$(484,121)_

### **Exhibit C**

# MANNING MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATIONS AND TELEVISION SYSTEM UTILITY

# Statements of Cash Flows - Proprietary Funds For Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

		<u>2012</u>		<u>2011</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities: Cash Received from Customers and Users Cash Received from Other Revenues Cash Paid to Suppliers Cash Paid for Personal Services Cash Paid to Employees	\$	800,749 29,007 (363,034) (305,091) (80,964)	\$	815,275 46,506 (343,236) (252,642) (116,497)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		80,667		149,406
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities: Change in Customer Deposits	-	-0-		950
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities		-0-		950
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities: Acquisition of Capital Assets Sale of Capital Assets Principal Paid on Notes Interest Paid on Notes		(28,393) 5,200 (25,000) (18,949)	-	-0- (26,660)
Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities		(67,142)		(26,660)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities: Interest on Investments		1,170	-	588
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities		1,170	-	588
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		14,695		124,284
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year		198,154	-	73,870
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year	\$	212,849	\$	198,154

# Exhibit C (Continued)

# MANNING MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATIONS AND TELEVISION SYSTEM UTILITY

# Statements of Cash Flows - Proprietary Funds For Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

		<u>2012</u>		<u>2011</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:				
Operating Income Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	\$	50,732	\$	91,046
Depreciation		30,848		34,701
(Increase) Decrease in Customer Accounts Receivable (Increase) Decrease in Other Receivables		17,324 4,521		6,716 287
(Increase) Decrease in Inventories		(3,585)		4,875
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid Expenses		(946)		(65)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable		(16,940)		9,439
Increase (Decrease) in Salaries Payable Increase (Decrease) in Deferred Income		398 972		1,980 1,438
Increase (Decrease) in Other Payables	_	(2,657)		(1,011)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ _	80,667	\$	149,406
Reconciliation of Cash and Cash Equivalents at Year End To Specific Assets Included on the Statements of Net Assets: Current Assets:				
Cash and Pooled Investments Restricted Assets: Cash and Pooled Investments:	\$	206,617	\$	191,922
Customer Deposits	_	6,232	_	6,232
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$	212,849	\$	198,154

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** 

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## Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012

### **Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

#### Nature of Business

The Manning Municipal Cable Board was established October 12, 1981, by the Manning City Council, for the purpose of designing, implementing, constructing, operating and maintaining the Manning Municipal Cable System, located in Carroll County and operating in the City of Manning, Iowa.

By vote of a special election held September 24, 1996, a municipal cable communication and television system utility was subsequently established on January 23, 1997. The Manning Municipal Cable Board formally transferred all of the Cable TV's assets, liabilities, retained earnings, powers, records and unfinished business at January 23, 1997, to the Manning Municipal Communications and Television System Utility (MMCTSU). With that action, all official records of the Manning Municipal Cable System were closed.

As of the transfer date, the MMCTSU Board acquired all powers as authorized by law and shall provide all services it deems necessary and convenient as permitted by law including, without limitation, video, voice, telephone, data, communication, interconnections and all other forms of communications, whether to date existing or yet to be developed as set forth in a resolution adopted by the Manning City Council on November 4, 1996.

The mission of MMCTSU shall be to develop and implement a comprehensive communications system incorporating the elements of telephony, cable television, broadband communications and any other technologies approved by the Utility Board.

The Utility's revenues are dependent upon the economic status of its customers. Collection policies have been established.

The Utility also collects carrier access fees from other telephone companies for the use of MMCTSU's telephone lines.

# Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012

### Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

### Reporting Entity

MMCTSU is a component unit of the City of Manning, Iowa, as determined by criteria specified by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board when determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and (1) the ability of the Utility to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the Utility. The Utility is governed by a five-member board of trustees appointed by the City Council. MMCTSU itself has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

The financial statements include only those funds of MMCTSU and are not intended to present all funds of the City of Manning, Iowa.

### Jointly Governed Organizations

The Utility participates in several jointly governed organizations that provide goods or services to the citizenry of the Utility. Some Utility officials are members of the following boards: Manning Municipal Light Plant and the Manning Municipal Gas Department.

#### Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurements focus applied.

The Utility's financials statements are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting whereby revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred.

# Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012

### Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

The proprietary fund of the Communication Utility applies all applicable GASB pronouncements, as well as the following pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless the pronouncement conflicts with or contradicts GASB Pronouncements: Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins of the Committee on Accounting Procedure.

The proprietary fund distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing the delivering goods in connection with an Enterprise fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Communication Utility include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

#### Basis of Presentation

The Statement of Net Assets presents the Communication Utility's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net assets. Net assets are reported in three categories.

Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances for bonds, notes and other debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets. MMCTSU'S outstanding debt attributable to capital assets exceeds the net capital assets. Therefore, the invested in capital assets, net of related debt, is shown at zero until such time that net capital assets exceeds related debt.

<u>Restricted Net Assets</u> result when constraints placed on net asset use are externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

<u>Unrestricted Net Assets</u> consist of net assets not meeting the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted net assets often have constraints on resources imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

## Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012

### Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

### **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the Board of Trustees annually adopts a budget on the cash basis. The budget of the Utility is submitted to the City of Manning for approval in the City's budget process. The budgetary comparison and related disclosures are reported as Required Supplementary Information. During the year ended December 31, 2012, disbursements did not exceed amounts budgeted.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash consists of money in checking and savings accounts. For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the Utility considers all deposits to be cash equivalents.

#### Accounts Receivable - Customers

Accounts receivable are recorded at the time the service is billed. Unbilled usage for service consumed between periodic scheduled billing dates is estimated and is recognized as revenue in the period in which the service is provided. The allowance for doubtful accounts is \$3,053 for 2012 and 2011.

The cable TV, phone, internet and TIVO bills are all generated by an outside company. The bills are sent out approximately on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month and cover the long distance phone calls for the previous month and the cable TV, internet, tivo and local phone service for the next month. The customers have 20 days to pay their bills before a 1.5% penalty of the total bill get added to their accounts. Delinquent customers have a 10 day grace period before disconnection occurs. The reconnection fee is \$25.

# Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012

### Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### Accounts Receivable - Carrier Access Fees

Carrier access fees are fees due from various phone companies when MMCTSU's customers select another phone company for their long distance phone services. As of December 31, 2012 and 2011, no allowance for doubtful accounts for CABS was presented as all accounts were deemed collectible.

Various phone companies are billed by an outside Company on behalf of MMCTSU for long distance usage.

#### Inventory

Material and supplies are stated at average cost on a per item basis. Cost is determined by the first-in, first-out method.

#### Capital Assets

Capital assets include property, plant and equipment and they are stated at cost. Depreciation is computed using straight line methods applied to the estimated useful lives of the various assets. Depreciation is computed over the following useful lives:

Land, Buildings, Improvements, Towers and Antennas	25-40 years
Earth Station, Electronics and Service Drops	10-15 years
Converters and Remotes	10 years
Traps and Other Equipment	5-15 years
Internet Equipment	5-10 years
Telephony Equipment	5-10 years

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2012 is summarized as follows:

	Balance			Balance
	Beginning			End
	of Year	Increase	Decrease	of Year
Capital Assts	\$ \$1,137,101	\$ 28,393	\$ 15,869	\$ \$1,149,625
Accumulated Depreciation	1,001,912	30,848	15,869	1,016,891
Net Capital Assets	\$ \$135,189	\$ (2,455)	\$ -0-	\$ \$132,734
Depreciation Charged		 		\$30,848

# Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012

### Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### Capital Assets (Continued)

Expenditures for maintenance, repairs and minor replacements are charged to operations. Expenditures for major repairs and betterments that materially extend the life of an asset are capitalized.

The cost and related accumulated depreciation on capital assets sold or retired are eliminated from the accounts at the time of disposal and the resulting gain or loss is reflected in other revenue (expense).

#### **Customer Deposits**

Customer deposits are collected from new customers before service commences. Any customer that can not provide a credit letter from a previous utility is charged a \$50 deposit. Customers in good standing receive a full refund of their deposit after six months of service.

#### Operating Revenues

Cable TV revenues are based on billing rates for subscriber fees to cable television. These subscriber fees are normally collected one month in advance.

Internet fees are billed to customers by MMCTSU one month in advance. As of January 1, 2008, Templeton Telephone Co. and Iowa Network Services provide dial up internet access and related services to MMCTSU. High speed internet access is provided by MMCTSU.

Local access telephone fees are billed one month in advance whereas long distance toll services are billed out after the calls occur. Carrier access fees are also billed to the various Long Distance Carriers for their line access charges after the charges are incurred.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that offset certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

# Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012

### **Note 2 Deposits**

The Utility's deposits at December 31, 2012 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The Utility is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Board of Trustees; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

The Utility's cash at December 31, 2012 is as follows:

	\$ 212,849
Unrestricted	206,617
Restricted - Customer Deposits	\$ 6,232

### **Note 3 Related Party Transactions**

#### Joint Use Agreement

On July 25, 2001, the Manning Municipal Light Plant and MMCTSU entered into a joint agreement regarding a communications distribution system. The communications distribution system is and shall remain the sole property of the Electric Utility. However, the Communications Utility has been granted the right to use the distribution system, the headend building, and the Municipal building for its functions for a term of 25 years. The Communication Utility is required to pay \$170,849 every year for 25 years. The first payment was made on June 30, 2002. During the year ended December 31, 2008, the Utility requested a received a one-year moratorium on the annual lease payment of \$170,849.

# Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012

### **Note 3 Related Party Transactions (Continued)**

#### Other

The Utility had business transactions between the Utility and Utility officials totaling \$1,138 and \$562 during the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

Beginning June 1, 2007, MMCTSU paid \$500 rent per month to the City of Manning for office space. Total rent paid to the City of Manning for 2012 and 2011 was \$6,000 per year.

### Note 4 Related Party - Notes Payable

2012 2011

Note Payable to Manning Municipal Light Plant in the original amount of \$500,000 to be used for the broadband communications system. The interest rate is adjusted annually on July1st of each year to an amount which is equal to 1% more than a one year certificate of deposit at Templeton Savings Bank. The interest rates on July 15, 2012 and 2011 were 2.40% and 2.25%, respectively. The Communication's net revenues shall be pledged to pay off amounts due as allowable.

\$270,000 \$295,000

# Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012

### Note 4 Related Party – Notes Payable (Continued)

revenues shall be pledged to pay off amounts

Note Payable to Manning Municipal Gas Department in the amount of \$500,000 to be used for the broadband communications system. The interest rate shall be adjusted annually on July 15 <sup>th</sup> of each year to an amount which is equal to 1% more than a one year certificate of deposit at Templeton Savings Bank. The interest rates on July 15, 2012 and 2011 were 2.40% and 2.25%, respectively. The Communication's net		

2012

2011

 due as allowable.
 \$500,000
 \$500,000

 Total
 \$770,000
 \$795,000

These notes payable to Manning Municipal Light Plant and Manning Municipal Gas Department do not have a specific payoff schedule. Payments made depend upon the net revenues of the Communication Utility. In 2004, the Manning Municipal Light Plant forgave \$200,000 of its note to the Communication Utility.

#### **Note 5 Contract Commitments**

On July 30, 2004, MMCTSU signed an agreement with Templeton Telephone Company (TTC) for video signal. TTC obtains a cable television signal from MMCTSU for transmission via TTC's Cable Television System subject to certain terms and conditions. MMCTSU is currently charging TTC \$1,400 per month for video signal.

On July 30, 2004, MMCTSU signed an agreement with Templeton Telephone Company (TTC) for switching services. TTC is a local telecommunications carrier with a particular expertise in the provision of certain switching functions and feature applications for the transmission, reception, monitoring, and routing of telecommunications traffic. The five year agreement required monthly fees of \$8,000 and continued until a new three year agreement was negotiated for \$5,000 per month. The new agreement became effective December 1, 2011 and expires November 30, 2014.

# Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012

### **Note 5 Contract Commitments (Continued)**

In 2005, MMCTSU entered into a Video Signal Agreement with Scranton Telephone Company (STC). STC is a telecommunications company that provides cable television service to its customers in the Scranton franchise areas. STC obtains a cable television signal from MMCTSU for transmission via STC's cable television system subject to the terms and conditions spelled out in the agreement. The agreement shall continue in full force and effect until January 1, 2015. The rate for this video signal is a monthly charge of \$250.

Effective December 1, 2006, the Communication and Information Services Agreement between Long Lines and MMCTSU was terminated. MMCTSU agreed to pay Long Lines \$30,000 in exchange for a general release of all claims of Long Lines relating to the agreement. Upon termination of the agreement, Long Lines had the option to either remove its related equipment from its present location in the Utilities' building or pay MMCTSU \$200 per month rent for the facility and \$50 for fiber lease. Long Lines opted to continue using the facility, however, they were exempted from the agreed upon rent of \$200 per month until July 2009.

lowa Network Services, Inc. (INS) offers a switching and transport agreement to MMCTSU for both originating and terminating traffic, which virtually extends the MMCTSU's network from the point where it interconnects with the INS network to the meet point of the Commercial Mobile Radio Service (CMRS) provider. This enables MMCTSU to originate traffic to and receive wireless traffic from any CMRS provider. This agreement shall have an initial term of two years. It shall thereafter remain in full force and effect for successive terms of two years each, subject to the right of either party to give the other party written notice of its intent to terminate the agreement not less than 120 days prior to the expiration of the then current term. The initial term started in December 2006.

# Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012

### **Note 5 Contract Commitments (Continued)**

MMCTSU also has a consolidated billing agreement with Iowa Network Services (INS), which was signed in December 2006. INS will perform monthly settlements for reciprocal compensation traffic measurements, bill issuance, bill consolidation, bill collection service and disbursement of the net amounts due per contract terms, between MMCTSU and CMRS providers. This agreement shall remain in effect until cancelled by either party by written notice to the other party of not less than 120 days.

An agreement for Internet Service was entered into and made effective December 15, 2007 between Templeton Telephone Company (TTC) and Manning Municipal Communications and Television Service Utility (MMCTSU). TTC's network is connected to lowa Network Service Utility (INS) network at a point of presence located at Templeton, Iowa. TTC agrees to lease to MMCTSU 35MB of bandwidth to transport internet traffic between MMCTSU's wireless network and the INS network. The agreement shall continue in full force for a term of three years from the date the leased bandwidth is first provided and shall automatically renew for additional one year terms unless terminated by either party giving written notice at least ninety (90) days prior to the expiration. The monthly rate to be paid to TTC for the bandwidth is \$2,843.

In connection with the Internet Service Agreement with TTC, MMCTSU also needed to enter into a Virtual ISP Internet Services Reseller Agreement with Iowa Network Services, Inc. (INS). This would allow MMCTSU to resell INS' wholesale internet access service to current and prospective MMCTSU subscribers. MMCTSU will pay INS a set fee per customer (currently \$7.50 per month) and then MMCTSU can resell the wholesale accounts to their retail customers at whatever fee they shall choose. This contract shall be for a term for one year beginning December 15, 2007 and shall continue on a month-to-month basis thereafter.

# Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012

#### **Note 6 Pension and Retirement Benefits**

The Utility contributes to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS) which is a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits, which are established by state statute to plan members and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, IA 50306-9117.

Through June 30, 2012, plan members were required to contribute 5.38% of their annual salary and employers were required to contribute 8.07% of annual payroll. As of July 1, 2012, IPERS contribution rates increased to 5.78% for members and 8.67% for employers. Contribution requirements are established by state statute. The Utility's contribution to IPERS for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 were \$6,778 and \$5,925, respectively, equal to the required annual contributions.

### **Note 7 Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)**

<u>Plan Description</u> - The Utility operates a single-employer retiree benefit plan which provides medical/prescription drug benefits for retirees and their spouses. There are 2 active and -0- retired members in the plan. Participants must be age 55 or older at retirement.

The medical/prescription drug benefits are provided through a fully insured plan with Wellmark. Retirees under age 65 pay the same premium for the medical/prescription drug benefits as active employees.

Funding Policy - The contribution requirements of plan members are established and may be amended by the Utility. The Utility currently finances the retirees benefit plan on a pay-as-you-go basis. The most recent active member monthly premiums of the Utility and plan members are \$874 for family coverage and \$336 for single coverage. The same monthly premiums would apply to retirees if there were any retired participants. For the year ended December 31, 2012, the Utility contributed \$12,405 and plan member eligible for benefits contributed \$2,122, 90 percent and 10 percent, respectively.

# Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2012

### **Note 8 Compensated Absences**

As of January 1, 2005, MMCTSU adopted a new paid time-off (PTO) policy for eligible employees to use for vacation, illness and personal business. It combined traditional vacation and sick leave plans into one flexible, paid time-off policy. Under the new PTO policy, MMCTSU's liability is limited to 240 hours which is the maximum number of hours that can be accrued and paid out upon termination. After an employee accumulates 240 hours, the remaining hours roll into a Long Term Bank (LTB). The LTB hours are not paid out upon termination and are capped at 960 hours.

The PTO is paid at the employee's base rate of pay at the time of absence. In the event that available PTO is not used by the end of the benefit year, employees may carry up to 240 hours to the next benefit year. The hours in the LTB can only be used for family or personal illness and all regular PTO hours must be used before using LTB hours.

The accumulated liability for PTO totaled \$3,457 and \$3,681 as of December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

### **Note 9 Risk Management**

MMCTSU is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by the purchase of commercial insurance. The Utility assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

#### **Note 10 Deficit Balances**

MMCTSU had fund deficits of \$445,163 and \$484,121 for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. MMCTSU reduced fund deficits by 20% over the past two years largely as a result of reduced management expenses. If the trend continues, the deficits will be eliminated in approximately ten years.

**OTHER INFORMATION** 

### Budgetary Comparison Schedule of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets – Budget and Actual (Cash Basis) - Proprietary Funds

### For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

Pagainta	Accrual <u>Basis</u>		Accrual <u>Adjustment</u>	Cash <u>Basis</u>
Receipts Charges for Services Non-operating Total Receipts	\$ 819,045 39,898 858,943	\$	(18,296) (4,521) (22,817)	\$ 800,749 35,377 836,126
Expenditures Cost of Services Operating Expenses Non-operating Total Expenditures	381,335 420,506 18,144 819,985		(18,301) (34,451) 54,198 1,446	363,034 386,055 72,342 821,431
Net Change in Net Assets	38,958	\$	(24,263)	\$ 14,695
Net Assets (Deficit) at Beginning of Year	(484,121)	-		
Net Assets (Deficit) at End of Year	\$ (445,163)			

### Budgetary Comparison Schedule of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets – Budget and Actual (Cash Basis) Proprietary Funds

### For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

Original <u>Budget</u>	Final <u>Budget</u>	Final to Actual <u>Variance</u>
\$ 822,090 50,950 873,040	\$ 822,090 50,950 873,040	\$ (21,341) (15,573) (36,914)
371,170 471,040 11,660 853,870	371,170 471,040 51,660 893,870	8,136 84,985 (20,682) 72,439
\$ 19,170	\$ (20,830)	\$ 35,525

See accompanying independent auditor's report

# Notes to Required Supplementary Information Budgetary Reporting For the Year Ended December 31, 2012

The budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary perspective differences resulting form not being able to present budgetary comparisons for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, MMCTSU annually adopts a budget, which is submitted to the City for approval in the City's budget process. The annual budget may be amended during the year utilizing statutorily prescribed procedures. All MMCTSU's disbursements are included in business-type activities function. During the year, one budget amendment increased budgeted disbursements by \$40,000. The budget amendments are reflected in the final budgeted amounts.

During the year ended December 31, 2012, disbursements did not exceed the amounts budgeted in the business type activities functions.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** 

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### Schedule 1

# MANNING MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATIONS AND TELEVISION SYSTEM UTILITY

# Schedule of Operating Expenses For Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

Operating Expenses	6,425
	R 125
Accounting \$ 7,229 \$	
Advertising 336	163
Cable Modems 1,008	4,857
Computer expense 476	-0-
·	34,701
Dues and Subscriptions 3,040	4,244
Employee Insurance 11,471	9,895
Headhouse - Maintenance 6,489	1,501
Headhouse - Other 401	2,125
Insurance 11,706	13,085
Legal Publication 784	940
Legal and Professional Services 4,106	1,396
Miscellaneous 11,169	1,584
	12,133
Postage 4,198	4,243
Property Taxes 2,696	3,562
Rent - Distribution System 170,849 1	70,849
Rent - Office Space 6,000	6,000
Seminars and Meetings 298	-0-
Small Tools 104	69
Software Maintenance 11,183	12,401
Supplies - General 17,784	14,033
Supplies - Office -0-	60
Telephone 3,905	5,450
Trustee Fees 2,995	2,995
Uniforms 321	-0-
Utilities 12,985	15,798
Vehicle Expense 3,782	3,760
	85,915
Wireless Internet Expense 566	3,396
Total Operating Expenses \$ 420,506 \$ 4	21,580

See accompanying independent auditor's report

### Schedule 2

# MANNING MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATIONS AND TELEVISION SYSTEM UTILITY

### Schedule of Capital Assets and Accumulated Depreciation For Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

	Capital Assets							
	De	ecember 31,					De	cember 31,
		2011	Αc	dditions	Reti	irements		<u>2012</u>
Headhouse				<del></del> -				
Building	\$	8,825	\$	-0-	\$	-0-	\$	8,825
Electronics & Equipment	-	53,147		<b>-</b> 0-		-0-		53,147
		61,972		-0-	_	-0-		61,972
Distribution		•						
Service Drops		25,219		<del>-</del> 0-		-0-		25,219
Converters & Remotes		15,196		-0-		<b>-</b> 0-		15,196
Traps		12,263		-0-	_	-0		<u> 12,263</u>
·		52,678		-0-	•	-0-		52,678
General								
Office furniture		6,173		-0-		-0-		6,173
Vehicles		5,087		9,465		-0-		14,552
Equipment		15,878		-0-		-0-		15,878
Internet		13,404		0-		0-		13,404_
		40,542		9,465		-0-		50,007
Internet								
Equipment		121,035		-0-		-0-		121,035
Building		8,684		-O <b>-</b>		-0-		8,684
Vehicles		4,667		9,464	-	<u>-0-</u>		14,131
		134,386		9,464		-0-		143,850
Telephony								
Building		8,684		-0-		-0-		8,684
Vehicles		20,535		9,464		15,869		14,130
Equipment		806,471		-0-		-O <b>-</b>		806,471
Electronics		11,833	_	-0-	_	<u>-0-</u>		11,833
		847,523	_	9,464	_	15,869		841,118
Totals	\$	1,137,101	\$	28,393	\$	15,869	\$	<u>1,149,625</u>

Schedule 2 (Continued)

### Schedule of Capital Assts and Accumulated Depreciation For Years Ended December 31, 2012 and 2011

	Accumulated Depreciation					
Useful	December 31,	Current	·	December 31,		
<u>Lives</u>	<u>2011</u>	<b>Provision</b>	<b>Retirements</b>	<u>2012</u>		
40 years	\$ 1,555	\$ 226	\$ -0-	\$ 1,781		
10-15 years	42,372	4,117		46,489		
	43,927	4,343	-0-	48,270		
15 years	16,551	1,681	-0-	18,232		
10 years	7,054	1,253	-0-	8,307		
5 years	12,262	-0-	-0-	12,262		
o youro	35,867	2,934	-0-	38,801		
	•	•		,		
5-10 years	5,330	356	-0-	5,686		
5 years	5,087	773	-0-	5,860		
5-15 years	12,332	1,096	-0-	13,428		
5-10 years	13,404	0-		13,404		
	36,153	2,225	-0-	38,378		
5-10 years	80,764	9,138	-0-	89,902		
39 years	1,531	223	-0-	1,754		
5 years	4,667	773	-0-	5,440		
•	86,962	10,134	-0-	97,096		
39 years	1,531	223	-0-	1,754		
5 years	20,536	773	15,869	5,440		
5-10 years	765,792	9,842	-0-	775,634		
7 years	11,144	374	-0-	11,518		
, 30010	799,003	11,212	-0-	794,346		
	\$ 1,001,912	\$ 30,848	\$ 15,869	\$ 1,016,891		

See accompanying independent auditor's report

Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Prepared in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

Certified Public Accountant

March 1, 2013

Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Prepared in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

To the Board of Trustees of the Manning Municipal Communications and Television System Utility

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Manning Municipal Communications and Television System Utility as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, and have issued my report thereon dated March 1 2013. My report expressed an unqualified opinion on the financial statements which were prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

The management of Manning Municipal Communications and Television System Utility is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing my audit, I considered the Manning Municipal Communications and Television System Utility's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Manning Municipal Communications and Television System Utility's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Manning Municipal Communications and Television System Utility's internal control over financial reporting.

My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and, therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant

Lonnie G. Muxfeldt

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My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and, therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings, I identified deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting I consider to be a material weakness and a significant deficiency.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of the control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility a material misstatement of the Manning Municipal Communications and Television System Utility's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. I consider the deficiency described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item A to be a material weakness.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control which is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. I consider the deficiency described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item B to be a significant deficiency.

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Manning Municipal Communications and Television System Utility's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

To the Board of Trustees of the Manning Municipal Communications And Television System Utility March 1, 2013 Page Three

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the Utility's operations for the year ended December 31, 2012, are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during my audit of the financial statements of the Utility. Since my audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

Manning Municipal Communications and Television System Utility's written responses to findings in my audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. While I have expressed my conclusions on the Utility's responses, I did not audit the Utility's responses and, accordingly, I express no opinion on them.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and customers of the Manning Municipal Communications and Television System Utility and other parties to whom the Utility may report. This report is not intended to be should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

I would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to my by personnel of the Manning Municipal Communications and Television System Utility during the course of my audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, I shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.



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# Schedule of Findings Year Ended December 31, 2012

### Part I Findings Related to the Financial Statements

#### **INTERNAL CONTROL DEFICIENCIES:**

(A) <u>Segregation of Duties</u> - One important aspect of internal control is the segregation of duties among employees to prevent an individual employee from handling duties which are incompatible. When duties are properly segregated, the activities of one employee act as a check on those of another. Currently, one employee has custody of receipts and performs all record-keeping pertaining to receipts for the Utility, including reconciliations and maintaining the accounts receivable records.

Recommendation - I realize that a segregation of duties is impossible with only one office employee. Operating procedures should be monitored by management and the board of trustees to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances.

<u>Response</u> - Due to the limited number of staff available to perform these duties, options available are limited. However, we will continue to monitor procedures to compensate for this weakness in internal control over financial reporting.

Conclusion - Response accepted.

(B) Omission - It was noted during routine testing procedures that signal charges and accounts payable were overstated by \$9,278 each due to an omitted reversing journal entry. The omission was subsequently corrected.

<u>Recommendation</u> - Journal entries should be reviewed more carefully so that any reversals are not overlooked.

<u>Response</u> - Procedures will be reviewed and revised as necessary to ensure reversing journal entries are posted.

<u>Conclusion</u> - Response accepted.

#### **INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE**

No matters were noted.

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# Schedule of Findings Year Ended December 31, 2012

### Part II Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:

- 1) <u>Certified Budget</u> The Utility's budget is filed as part of the City of Manning's budget. The disbursements during the year ended December 31, 2012, did not exceed amounts budgeted by the Manning Municipal Communications and Television System Utility.
- 2) Questionable Disbursements I noted no disbursements that did not meet the requirements of public purposes as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979.
- 3) <u>Business Transactions</u> Business transactions between the Utility and Utility officials are detailed as follows:

Name, Title and Business Connection	Transaction Description	Amount
Swearingen Auto Repair - Spouse of Office Manager	Vehicle Service	\$ 1,138

- 4) <u>Bond Coverage</u> Surety bond coverage of Utility officials and employees is in accordance with the minimum statutory provisions required. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to ensure that the coverage is adequate for current operations.
- 5) <u>Board Minutes</u> No transactions were found that I believe should have been approved in the Board minutes but were not.
- 6) <u>Deposits and Investments</u> I noted no instances of non-compliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and 12C of the Code of Iowa and the Utility's investment policy.
- 7) <u>Telecommunication Services</u> No instances of non-compliance with Chapter 388.10 of the Code of Iowa were noted.

#### **NEWS RELEASE**

# MANNING MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATION AND TELEVISION SYSTEM UTILITY

### **MANNING, IOWA 51455**

Muxfeldt Associates, CPA, P.C. of Harlan, Iowa today released an audit report on the Manning Municipal Communication and Television System Utility for the year ended December 31, 2012.

Muxfeldt Associates, CPA, P.C, reported that the Utility's revenue totaled \$858,943 for the year ended December 31, 2012, a 0.09 percent increase from 2011. The revenues included \$284,524 in cable TV revenue, \$315,090 in telephone revenue, \$219,431 in internet revenue, \$33,528 in other revenue, \$5,200 on sale of property and \$1,170 in interest income.

Expenses for the year totaled \$819,985, a 3.75 percent increase from 2011. The expenses included \$381,335 for production, \$212,809 for administration and general expenses, \$176,849 for rent, \$30,848 for depreciation and \$18,144 for interest expense.

A copy of the audit report is available for review in the office of the Manning Municipal Communication and Television System Utility, in the Office of Auditor of State and on the Auditor of State's web site at <a href="http://auditor.iowa.gov/reports.htm">http://auditor.iowa.gov/reports.htm</a>.

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